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Prior Application:  
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Sir:

This is a

[ ] Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR §1.114 (prosecution of the application is closed in the sense of 37 CFR §1.114(b));

[X] Divisional Application (parent not abandoned) under 37 CFR §1.53(b);

of pending prior application Serial No. 10/337,369, filed January 7, 2003

for [Title as filed]: CONDUCTIVE COMPOSITION PRECURSOR, CONDUCTIVE COMPOSITION, SOLID ELECTROLYTIC CAPACITOR, AND THEIR MANUFACTURING METHOD

[Amended Title]: same

by [Inventors]: Yasuo KUDOH, Kenji AKAMI, Hiroki KUSAYANAGI, and Yasue MATSUYA

1. [X] A copy of the prior application is attached. This copy comprises a true copy of the prior application as filed (specification, claims, drawings, declaration). No amendments referred to in the declaration (if any) filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.
2. [ ] Abandon said prior application as of the filing date accorded this application.

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3. [X] The filing fee is calculated below:

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UNDER 37 CFR \$1.116 NOTED BELOW

Basic Fee  
\$770.00

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| Total claims          | 8 | -20 = | 0 x \$18.00 (* 9.00) = | -        |
| Independent claims    | 1 | - 3 = | 0 x \$86.00 (*43.00) = | -        |
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THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY OTHER FEES  
WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED OR CREDIT ANY OVERPAYMENT TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT  
NO. 160331.
5. [ ] Cancel in this application claims of the prior application before  
calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is  
retained for filing purposes.
6. [X] Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the  
sentence:  
--This is a [ ] Continuation [X] Division of application Serial No.  
10/337,369 filed January 7, 2003 which in turn is a division of  
application Serial No. 09/660,447 filed September 12, 2000, now  
U.S. Patent 6,602,741.--
7. [ ] Please enter in the present application the Amendment Under 37 CFR  
\$1.116 with any attachments filed on in this application which was  
not entered therein.
8. [X] Priority of foreign application(s) No. 11-260122 filed September  
14, 1999, 11-332303 filed November 24, 1999, 2000-097331 filed  
March 31, 2000, 2000-142843 filed May 16, 2000, and 2000-188927  
filed June 23, 2000 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
- [X] The certified copies were filed in grandparent application No.  
09/660,447 on September 12, 2000.
- [ ] A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is  
filed herewith.

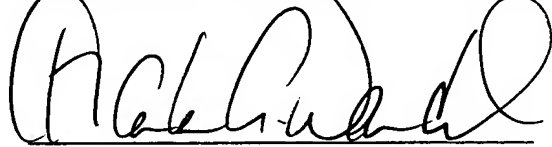
9. [X] The prior application is assigned of record to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD. Recorded at Reel 011387, Frame 0091.
10. [X] The power of attorney in the prior application is to Roger W. Parkhurst, Registration No. 25,177 and Charles A. Wendel, Registration No. 24,453:
- [X] a. The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- [ ] b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- [X] c. Address all future communications to

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11. [X] An Application Data Sheet is enclosed.
12. [X] A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed herewith.
13. [X] An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
14. [X] This application is not entitled to Small Entity Status.

Respectfully submitted,

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